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COUNCIL DISCUSSION, MAY 23.

REF: A. OECD DOC C(73)103, TRANSMITTED BY OECD 13 112;

B. OECD 13693

1. SUMMARY. COUNCIL HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION OF SECGEN' S NOTE ON
ENERGY FOR MINISTERIAL COUNCIL (REF A). SECRETARIAT WILL NOW
DRAFT FINAL VERSION. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPUTY SECGEN ELDIN RECAPITULATED FOR COUNCIL EXCOM
DISCUSSION REPORTED REF B. DURING COURSE OF BRIEF DISCUSSION
WHICH FOLLOWED, UK DEL (GALLAGHER) SAID HIS POSITION AT EXCOM
MEETING HAD BEEN RECONFIRMED DURING DISCUSSION WITH HIS
AUTHORITIES IN LONDON OVER LAST TWO DAYS. JAPANESE DEL SAID
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IN OECD, AND WILL JOIN IN THE TYPE OF WORK DESCRIBED IN PARA 17 A
OF SECGEN' S NOTE (REF A). THE INCLUSION IN THE NOTE OF A
PARAGRAPH ALONG THOSE LINES, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT PREJUDICE
JAPANESE POSITION.

3. FRENCH DEL, SPEAKING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS BUT, HE SAID, WITH SOMEWHAT BETTER FEEL FOR FRENCH VIEWS THAN HE HAD AT EXCOM MEETING, THOUGHT PARAS 17 A., 17 B., AND 18 B., SHOULD BE DRAFTED WITH SOMEWHAT MORE PRUDENCE AS THEY COULD BE INTERPRETED TO SUGGEST CERTAIN GOALS WHICH MAY BE DESIRABLE BUT ARE UNCERTAIN OF ACHIEVEMENT UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS. CANADIAN DEL (THOM) SAID HE TENDED TO AGREE WITH FRENCH INTERVENTION AND THOUGHT IN PARTICULAR THAT WORD " EXTENSION" SHOULD BE DROPPED FROM PARA 17 A. AS REDUNDANT.

4. COMMENT: US HAD INFORMED SECRETARIAT, JAPANESE AND CANADIANS BEFORE COUNCIL MEETING THAT WE FAVORED RETENTION OF WORD " EXTENSION" IN PARA 17 A., THOUGH WE COULD ACCEPT SOME OTHER WORDING CHANGES IN VIEW OF JAPANESE SENSITIVITIES. SUBSEQUENTLY, SECRETARIAT HAD OBTAINED JAPANESE AGREEMENT TO FOLLOWING FORMULA: " THE EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING MECHANISMS FOR COPING WITH POSSIBLE ENERGY SHORTAGES". AFTER COUNCIL MEETING, WE TOLD SECRETARIAT OUR VIEW HAD NOT CHANGED AND THAT NOTWITHSTANDING CANADIAN INTERVENTION WE ASSUMED THAT FORMULA WORKED OUT WITH JAPANESE WOULD STAND. THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR FORMAL COMMENT ON SECGEN' S NOTE, WHICH WILL BE ISSUED IN FINAL FORM ON HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY, PROBABLY WITHIN A FEW DAYS.
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